GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ASSESSMENT OF NHDP UNDER 10TH PLAN
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assessment of targets fixed/achieved under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) during the Tenth Five Year Plan has been done;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether shortcomings have been found in the objectives and also in the implementation of this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial measures taken/likely to be taken by the Union Government for speedy implementation of this project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b) The year-wise targets and achievements under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) during the Tenth Five Year Plan are given at Annexure-I.

(c) There have been delays in the completion of some contracts primarily pertaining to NHDP Phase-I, due to problems associated with acquisition of land, shifting of utilities, delay in environment and forest clearances, clearances from Railways, poor performance of some contractors and termination of some contracts etc.

(d) The steps taken to expedite the progress of on-going and future projects are given at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 640 FOR ANSWER ON 21ST NOVEMBER, 2007 ASKED BY SHRI BRAJESH PATHAK AND SHRI MOHD. TAHIR REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF NHDP UNDER 10TH PLAN

Targets Vs. Achievements during the Tenth Five year Plan (2002-2007)

S.No.	As Per Action Plan									
	2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Target	Achiev-ement	Target	Achiev-ement	Target	Achiev-ement	Target	Achiev-ement	Target	Achiev-ement
1. Widening of NHs to 4-lanes (kms.)	534.71	391.36	2195.97	763.33	2896.10	2348.97	1099.24	726.66	1283.93	636

ANNEXURE-II

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The following steps have been taken to ensure early completion of the project:

(a) The Contracts are regularly monitored at various levels such as by Supervision Consultant, Project Directors, Senior officers of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Progress reviews are also held at the level of Chairman, NHAI, Secretary, Department of

Road Transport & Highways and Minister, Shipping, Road Transport & Highways.

(b) State Governments have appointed Senior officers as nodal officers for resolving problems associated with implementation of the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) such as land acquisition, removal of utilities, forest/pollution/ environment clearances etc. These nodal officers hold periodic meetings to review the projects and take action to resolve the problems.

(c) A Committee of Secretaries has been constituted under Cabinet Secretary to address inter-ministerial and Centre-State issues such as land acquisition, utility shifting, environment approvals, clearance of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) etc.

(d) The procedure of issue of land acquisition notifications has now been simplified.

(e) To expedite the construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs), an officer of the Railways has been posted to NHAI to coordinate with Ministry of Railways. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has also been signed with M/s. IRCON International Limited for construction of some of the Road Over Bridges (ROBs).

(f) Action has been taken against non-performing contractors and they are not allowed to bid for future projects unless they improve the performance in existing contracts.

(g) Steps have been taken to improve cash flow problems of contractors by granting interest bearing discretionary advance at the request of contractor, release of retention money against bank guarantee of equal amount, deferment of recovery of advances (on interest basis) and relaxation in minimum Interim Payment Certificate (IPC) amount.